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1. MEXICAN DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AVIATION (DGAC)
JOSE RODRIGUEZ TORRES CONFIDENTIALLY INFORMED EMBASSY TCO
THAT A GOM MISSION LEFT MEXICO YESTERDAY FOR THE UNITED
KINGDOM TO STUDY POSSIBILITY OF ASSEMBLY IN MEXICO OF
CIVILIAN AIRCRAFT. VISIT IS TO BE ARRANGED BY LOCAL
REPRESENTATIVE OF SHORTS BROS. DGAC CAUTIONED THAT SHOULD
SUCH A VENTURE SUCCEED, MEXICAN BORDER WOULD BE CLOSED
TO FUTURE IMPORTATION OF SIMILAR AIRCRAFT FROM U.S. DGAC,
WHO SAID THAT HE WILL PROBABLY LEAVE GOVERNMENT SERVICE
WITH THE CHANGE OF PRESIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATION ON DEC 1
AND IS INTRESTED IN REPRESENTING U.S. COMPANIES, HAD NO
FURTHER DETAILS.

2. EMBASSY'S AIR ATTACHE PROVIDED SIMILAR INFORMATION BY
SHORTS REPRESENTATIVE, BUT IN MORE DETAIL, WHICH HAS BEEN
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REPORTED SEPARATELY (REFS B AND C). TRIP IS EVIDENCE OF

CONTINUED INTEREST OF GOM TO GAIN AIRCRAFT ASSEMBLY FACILITY FOR MEXICO, IN SPITE OF FAILURE OF ISRAELI NEGOTIATION, (REF A) WHICH DGAC SAID FAILED AT LEAST PARTLY DUE TO HIS NEGATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS. HE CLAIMED THAT THE TECHNICAL DETAILS OF THE ISRAELI PROPOSAL WERE FAULTY.

3. SHORTS AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION WOULD BE SKYVAN 3M, VERY SIMILAR TO ARAVA (LIGHT TURBOPROP TRANSPORT).
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